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FM AMEMBASSY PORT MORESBY

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1711

INFO AMEMBASSY JAKARTA

AMEMBASSY SEOUL

C O N F I D E N T I A L PORT MORESBY 0831

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR PP KS

SUBJ: TRANSMITTAL OF INFORMATION TO SOUTH KOREANS

REF: PORT MORESBY 823

1. WHEN AMBASSADOR LEE OF SOUTH KOREA CALLED ON ME ON AUG. 2, HE SPECIFICALLY ASKED IF USG COULD MAKE INFO ABOUT SOLOMON ISLANDS AVAILABLE TO HIM ON A CONTINUING BASIS. HE SAID ROK WOULD RAISE THIS QUESTION IN WASHINGTON. HE LEFT THE STRONG IMPRESSION HE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO HAVE OUR REPORTING ON PNG MADE AVAILABLE, ALTHOUGH HE DID NOT ASK.

2. WE DO NOT KNOW WHAT PROCEDURE MAY HAVE ALREADY BEEN ESTABLISHED FOR MAKING INFO KNOWN TO ROK, OR WHETHER WE WOULD SET UNDESIRABLE PRECEDENT IN PROVIDING INFO. WE ARE ALSO UNINFORMED ABOUT ROK'S REPUTATION IN HANDLING RESTRICTED INFO. WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE JAKARTA'S VIEWS ON THE LIKELIHOOD THAT THE ROK EMBASSY IN JAKARTA WOULD EXCHANGE INFO RECEIVED FROM US WITH THE GOI.

3. HOWEVER, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE DEPARTMENT

AND EMBASSIES SEOUL AND JAKARTA, WE BELIEVE THE FOLLOWING
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PROCEDURE COULD BE ESTABLISHED. WHEN WE DRAFT A CABLE

OR AIRGRAM WHICH WE BELIEVE WOULD BE OF INTEREST AND WHICH WE ARE WILLING TO SHARE WITH ROK, WE WILL MAKE EMBASSY JAKARTA INFO ADDRESSEE, AND WOULD SPECIFICALLY STATE: FOR JAKARTA; PLEASE MAKE SUBSTANCE KNOWN TO SOUTH KOREAN EMBASSY." ANY CABLE FROM PORT MORESBY REPEATED TO JAKARTA NOT RPT NOT CARRYING THIS SPECIFIC INSTRUCTION SHOULD NOT RPT NOT BE MADE KNOWN TO SOUTH KOREAN EMBASSY.

4. ALTERNATIVELY, APPROPRIATE DEPARTMENTAL OFFICER COULD GIVE GENERAL BRIEFING ON PNG AND THE SOLOMONS TO REP OF ROK EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON REGULARLY EVERY TWO OR THREE MONTHS.

5. PLEASE ADVISE WHAT, IF ANYTHING, WE SHOULD DO ON THIS SUBJECT.
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